

THAT REIGN OF TERROR IN PEKIN.

Mrs. John M. Inglis, of Claysville, Pa., Graphically Describes the Siege of the

BRITISH LEGATION IN PEKIN.

A Tale of Horror That Happily Ended in the Relief of the Be-sieged by the Allies.

Among the American missionaries cooped up in the British legation in Pekin during that reign of terror that happily ended with the relief of the besieged by the allied forces, were Dr. and Mrs. John M. Inglis, of Claysville, Pa., who are well known in Wheeling, especially among Presbyterians. Mrs. Inglis, in a letter to her father and mother, graphically describes the siege. The letter, which was published in the Claysville Recorder, is given below:

PEKING, China, August 14, 1900.

Dearest Mother and Father:—Two months yesterday since our home was burned and eight weeks to-morrow since we came to the British legation, but our relief troops are this morning pounding away on the south city wall. We have been under fire five days now, two days both cannon and rifles, the last two nights we have had the hardest attacks we have experienced. Last night they began before sunset and ceased with dawn. But between their volleys we heard the roll of distant cannon and the rapid "click," "click" of a machine gun planted by our relief force at the Jung Tien Men, the entrance to the south city. They will have a double gate to pass through to get here, but they will enter right at the legations. None of us slept, everyone was excited. I saw Lady McDonald dart across the court, the bullets whizzing about her like hail, and into the main hall for the news.

Many, many times there have been rumors of foreign artillery, until it grew to be a standing joke, but last night we all heard it roll upon roll, volley after volley, and this morning plainer than ever. Last night the firing was so dreadful that I thought perhaps God took the baby to save her a worse death, and I thought of her in her quiet little grave, the awful guns pounding, nothing disturbing her. But when I heard the artillery so near, heard hysterical laughter and talking all around I could only creep back to her bed and weep for the little one, for oh, how we had planned to celebrate this day.

Born in China.

Mrs. Lowrie's husband was born in China, and he is coming with the United States troops as interpreter. Mrs. Lowrie has not seen him for sixteen weeks, and she is wild with delight.

In all these eight weeks we have been able to get but four messengers to Tien Tsin and return. Think of it! Our refugees are almost starving. We are nearly at the end of our horse meat, having now killed eighty-four. Every man who had a horse or mule gave it up.

The heat and dampness for three days past has been most enervating. Our clothes are saturated most of the time. I have been ill for the past two days, but I will get up to-day to see the troops come in. Word came on Friday last to expect them on the 13th or 14th, as they were simply driving the Chinese before them.

Life here has been very unpleasant for some time past. Fleas and mosquitos are dreadful, and the sand flies worse. Many are sick with diarrhoea and a low fever. Dysentery has attacked the Russian soldiers. The second Russian victim was expected to die last night. Chinese babies are dying by the score, but they are in a separate compound.

Only Forty-Five Escaped.

Of the nearly 300 membership of our Presbyterian churches in Pekin only forty-five escaped here as refugees. We have good reason to believe that the others have been slain. On July 2 the empress issued an edict ordering them to recant or be killed. Several times

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the Tsung Li Yamen demanded our refugees, but the ministers refused. Those who escaped the Boxers I am sure must have been killed under edict. It is said the empress has fled to Shan Si, the ancient capital of China.

It has been two months and more since we have had any news of the outside world, except Consul Ragdale's note of McKinley's nomination. Pekin, itself, is a sealed book to us. What tales, what tragedies we have yet to learn! And what of the poor inland missionaries? How could they escape? We are almost afraid to ask of Pao Ting Fu.

August 27, 1900.

I thought I had lost the letter commenced August 14, but found it in my journal to-day, so I will finish, even if disconnected. It was interrupted by the cry of "The troops have come." I jumped up, dressed hurriedly and ran into Lady McDonald's front hall in time to greet the British officers. The court outside was filled with magnificent Sikhs, all turbaned and jolly looking as could be. Oh, what cheering, huzzas and tears! Old General Gazeale and the officers, bronzed and sweating, all had trembling voices as well as tearful eyes.

Crept Through Water Gate.

With them 450 Indian Sikhs entered the southern city, after sending a few shells through the gate and then instead of shelling their way into the North city they crept man after man through the water gate, or where the city canal runs through the city wall. This canal is now dry. The British were first in the North city. The United States troops lost their way in the South city and wandered about for two hours, but the United States flag was floating from the wall of the Chien Man gate, from which point we suffered our worst attacks. As the cheering in the compound increased so did the fire from the Chinese barricades, for not having seen the entrance of our troops, they thought to silence a most unusual noise. One Indian soldier was badly wounded and a French woman was struck in the leg by a fragment of a shell. A shell exploded in Sir Claude McDonald's bed room. A bullet came into our room, so the Sikhs said. "We hadn't any fun to-day," and they picked up their guns and went out and droye the imperial soldiers from their barricades without losing a man.

Eighteen or twenty British and United States reporters came along, also young Mr. Lowrie, who broke down and wept when he met his wife and friends, whom he had mourned as dead. It was a surprise to us to hear the rumors of our massacre in detail. Prison and hanging are too good for some journalists.

Sick at Heart.

Our danger was great, but God's omnipotent hand saved us. The stories we hear of missionary friends, their sufferings, in many cases of their murder, make us sick at heart. We cannot speak of Pao Ting Fu friends to each other. Their massacre has been proven beyond a doubt. A trusted servant came from there and relates that their homes were burned, then all were led in a company to a Boxer's yard, by the river, and beheaded, except Mr. Pitkin, who was executed in his own yard. One small woman was so overcome she had to be carried. Dr. Taylor's head was presented to the yamen authorities as an offering. Fifty-one missionaries were murdered in the yamen belonging to the Governor of Shan Si, whither the empress had fled with her court. As I think of all these murders and outrages I almost lose my self-control. Our trip from Peking to Tien Tsin was most uncomfortable. We were deserted by the major in charge of the convoy, on a sandbar for ten hours, and had a disagreeable time generally. The river banks were strewn with the dead bodies of Chinese. The river banks were lined with corn, and the soldiers fired at every rustle among the leaves, for they intend to keep the way clear. We left Peking on the 21st of August. The city has been looted and a great portion burned.

Foreigners to be Ordered Out.

A big English convoy came down to-day and reported all foreigners soon to be ordered out. Our church expects to remove the refugees to the Che Foo district where there has been no uprising as yet. Consul Corlies invited us to Tiffin the day we arrived at Tien Tsin and we enjoyed it so much—a tablecloth and napkins, real beefsteak, etc., think of it! Sir Walter Hillier was there, also Captain Bailey, military governor of Tien Tsin.

There is no American transport here; no steamers running, so we all expect to leave here on Wednesday, August 29, on a British transport that carries us for \$3 (Mexican money) a day, called to Calcutta. This is less than by steamer to Shanghai. We prefer to return via Europe when we can do so without extra expense and only a week or two difference in time. The thing that recommends it most to me is that we can visit the doctor's parents first; then on home where I can stay a good long time. I know that when I get home I will wish to stay. This home-going is so different from what we planned. God only knows how hard it was to tear ourselves from our little darling's grave in Peking.

All Plans Gone.

All our plans are gone. We come to you empty handed as we went out, but we know we love you better and know that you praise God for our deliverance—a deliverance that grows more and more marvelous as we gain new knowledge every day of the empress' deep laid plans. Her fuse was lighted just a little too soon or we would not now be alive to tell the tale. Love to each one.

THEODORA.

P. S.—Miss Newton, Mrs. McKilligan, Dr. Leonard, Revs. Wherry and Mackey remained in Peking to look after our remaining fifty church members. Mr. Walter Lowrie, of Pao Ting Fu, who was in Tien Tsin when the war broke out, had a plane ready for us to stop when we arrived here. Mr. Miller, of Pao Ting Fu, also is here. He and his family escaped to Korea from Pei Tai Ho. Last night we met for praise service in the British park—the church of England service, hand music and an address by Mr. Lowrie. The Peking refugees and the soldiers of all nations were present to take part in the grand services. How my heart turns homeward. Both the doctor and myself need to get away from Tien Tsin. The Fenns are here. Mrs. Carr, a lovely English lady, lost her beautiful baby the day we left Peking. Oh! how my heart cries for my baby, day and night, but Mrs. Simcox's was brutally murdered. So in this way I am led to thank God for His mercy. Will write again.

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STATE PRESS CLEANINGS.

Kentucky justice seems to be a pilable affair. A few days ago it was confidently stated that Howard, now on trial for the murder of Goebel, had been positively proven guilty; and a day or two later it was just as positively stated that Howard was talking to a barber a block or two away at the time the fatal shot was fired, the barber himself testifying to it. It may, some time, be ascertained to a dot who killed Goebel, but it does not look as though it will ever be done by due process of Kentucky law.—Wellsburg Herald.

The barbecue at this place this week promises to be the largest and best political meeting ever held in the county. Great preparations are being made and no one can afford to miss it.—Tyler County Star.

The Second congressional district is only entitled to one congressman, but should Colonel Tom be elected there will have to be several go down to Washington and tell him how to vote on the different questions.—Davis Republican.

Hon. Wharton Barker is one of the most modest of the presidential candidates; he only claims two states, Texas and Georgia.—Martinsburg Herald.

Mr. Bryan alludes to the soldiers as an "idle set" and to the money paid pensioners as a "needless waste." But as Bryan is not eligible to a pension it makes no difference.—Preston Republican.

Democrats who love good government cannot afford to return to power the Chilton, MacCorkle and Chilton political trust. Can any Republican afford to do it?—Charles Mail-Tribune.

Hobson's intimation that the Spaniards sank their own ships at Manila bay does not take on the significance it might have assumed if Dewey had consented to run for the presidency before it was too late.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Colonel Roosevelt's letter of acceptance is a modest manuscript, but it dissects the Kansas City platform and the false issue of imperialism so thoroughly that "the wearying man, the fool need not err therein."—Putnam Republican.

That old political humbug, Nat Ward Fitzgerald, occupies over two columns of the Morgantown Daily Dominion to show that Bryan will be elected. It is well understood that Colonel Nat is somewhat of an adept with figures. It was a too free use of his versatile pen that debared him from practice before the United States pension commissioner at Washington, and from which he went into the "bloomer girl" restaurant business in New York. A man who has been in all the political organizations known to the country is not a safe prognosticator as to coming events any way.—Grafton Sentinel.

Postal Orders.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—The following changes have been ordered in the star service on routes in West Virginia:

Route 16,327, White Sulphur Springs to Columbia Sulphur Springs; hereafter supply White Sulphur Springs at site heretofore authorized. Route 16,327, Clear Creek to Macdonald; from October 1, 1900, omit Macdonald and end at Macdonald railroad station, without change in distance. Route 16,411, Clarksburg to Mount Hope; from October 1, 1900, end at Macdonald railroad station, omitting Mount Hope, (discontinued), increasing three-fourths of a mile. Route 16,442, Beckley to Mount Hope; from October 1, 1900, end at Prosperity, omitting Mount Hope, decreasing five miles. Route 16,534, Helvetia to Newington; hereafter leave Helvetia daily except Sunday at 2:45 p. m., and returning, leave Newington on receipt of mail from south-bound mail train, but not later than 6 p. m.

Killed at a Saw Mill.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., Oct. 1.—Edwin DeVault was accidentally killed at Smith-town, Friday. The unfortunate man has a son who works at the mill and he had gone there to take his place while the latter was absent for a short time. He was at work only a few minutes when in lifting a log he slipped and fell backward against the belt and was hurled upward. His head struck the roof of the shed and his skull was crushed. He lingered only a few hours after the accident. He was aged about forty years. A widow and three children survive him.

Postmasters Appointed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—Clifford E. McDonald has been appointed postmaster at Rio, W. Va. A new post-office has been established at Wade, Wetzel county, W. Va., and George T. Wood has been appointed postmaster. The postoffice at Coketons, Ritchie county, W. Va., has been discontinued. Mail hereafter will be sent to Harpersville, and supplied to Coketons by rural free delivery.

An All-Day Picnic.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 1.—An all-day picnic and Republican rally will be held at Jones' Springs, this county, October 13. Governor Atkinson and Hon. Charles Caldwell will speak during the day. The people will take baskets and remain at the meeting all day. Both of the speakers will make addresses in this city on the night of the same day.

What?

The name of Charles McCurdy, the proprietor of the Exchange saloon in Marietta, is most as familiar in Parkersburg as it is in Marietta. Most every Parkersburger who visits in Marietta makes McCurdy's place headquarters.—Parkersburg Journal.

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News Notes From the Busy Marshall County Town.

Work was begun yesterday by the Wheeling Railway Company on the connecting line on Kentucky Heights, that will connect the Moundsville and Wheeling lines. The citizens some time ago got out an injunction against the company, which will prevent them from running cars straight through from Wheeling to Moundsville, and it is likely they will transfer at some point. The company owns the property along the heights and the city cannot prevent the work of connecting the two lines. For the benefit of the Benwood population, a car will run down through that city at intervals.

While at work at the Riverside early yesterday afternoon, Theodore Cavanaugh had his left foot mashed by being run over by a truck. Part of the great toe had to be amputated and the nails from all the other toes were removed.

The Young Men's Social Club has secured quarters in the Pabst building and are having them elegantly furnished. When completed they will make the model club rooms of the city.

The mules that are used in the mines at the Wheeling steel works have been sent for by the company. This is taken as an indication that the mill will resume shortly.

Harry Leeds, of McMechen, addressed the citizens at the Democratic club rooms last night. Leeds is a Socialist and he has a number of followers in this city.

The Empire Athletic Club entertained in honor of Joseph Gocke, one of their members, who recently became a benedict, at their club rooms Sunday afternoon.

The Republican drum corps gave a well attended and highly successful dance at the Blue Ribbon hall last evening. Prof. Long furnished the music. The Epworth League will hold cabinet, devotional and business meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church to-night.

James Hitehook and wife, of New Martinsville, have returned home, after a pleasant stay with relatives here.

Mrs. A. Pelley returned from Mingo yesterday, where she was the guest of her son during the past few days.

A young son of Charles Curran ran a nail into his foot while playing in the school yard yesterday afternoon.

Miss Emma Price returned from Parkersburg, where she took part in the W. C. T. U. gold medal contest.

Harry Schwartz, of Pittsburgh, has returned home, after a few days' visit with friends in this city.

Miss Anna Drannen and Mary McCormick spent Sunday with friends at Moundsville.

Pete Joyce has returned from a pleasant stay with friends at Pittsburgh.

John Eichleay, of Pittsburgh, has returned home, after a brief business stay here.

Oscar Schach has resigned his position with George M. Snook & Co., of Wheeling.

The Croatian Republican club will receive their uniforms this week.

Mrs. William Rude is the guest of friends at New Martinsville.

John Winning, of Brilliant, was calling on friends here Sunday.

Arthur Garaghty of Mingo, spent Sunday with relatives here.

William Serig and wife are visiting friends at Park View.

BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County.

The Germans of this city are taking a great interest in the celebration to be held at Wheeling, October 3. At an enthusiastic meeting at which Dr. Ulrich, Dr. Zimmer and others, of Wheeling, were present, it was resolved to engage Heatherington's band to head the Bellaire delegation on that occasion.

Carl L. Dorer will be marshal of the Bellaire division, and Messrs. Louis Busche, Carl Jahnke, and J. P. Ganser will be assistants. J. U. Vahlehl, William Schindewolf, and Frank Staudt will look after the banners and decorations, and John Steger, Louis Busche and C. L. Dorer are the finance committee. Fred Rodewig, sr., William Schindewolf, sr., Louis Long, sr., August Kompart, sr., and George Kern, are vice presidents. C. W. Bente will make the opening address in German.

Capt. J. T. Lane went to Barnesville yesterday, where they are trying to arrange for a special train to leave that town for this city about 6 o'clock on October 12, the date of Senator Foraker's meeting there. He speaks here that evening and Barnesville wants to hold him during all of their afternoon demonstration, which can only be done by having a special train.

The Republican committee has the bills out for the Brosius meeting Friday night, and met last night to select the gentleman to preside. The unformed clubs will both be out and the Mechanic's band will furnish the music. The outlook is for a big meeting.

Moses Duga and Miss Albertina Stahl were married at the bride's home Sunday evening, and a splendid company of friends enjoyed the festivities that followed the ceremony.

The funeral of Frank Norris yesterday afternoon, was attended by a large crowd of friends. His sudden taking off caused universal sadness in a wide circle.

Miss Bessie Hope, formerly of this city, but for eight years a missionary in India, writes an interesting letter to her friends through the Independent.

Miss Alma Snedeker, stenographer in State Post Commissioner Blackburn's office at Columbus, is the guest of her mother here, for a few days.

Charles J. Clements returned yesterday from Detroit, where he attended school for the past three months, taking a course in language.

Mrs. Coffey, wife of Rev. R. S. Coffey, of the First Presbyterian church, will leave this week for a visit to her old home in England.

Quite a crowd of Knights Templar will go to St. Clairsville Thursday evening to attend the drill meeting. Train returns at 9 o'clock.

The Shakespear Literary and Social Club will meet this evening at the home of Miss Eliza Lazure to reorganize for this winter.

The collection in St. John's church for the benefit of Galveston sufferers amounted to \$106 94, a neat sum for one collection.

John Davis left yesterday morning for St. Mary's, where he will look after the construction of a water plant let to H. T. Day.

The Young Men's Club held an interesting rally meeting in their rooms in the bank building last night.

James T. Kelly, of the First National bank, has been laid up for a day or two with a heavy cold.

Mrs. O. E. Foulke, of Greenfield, Ohio, in visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Miller.

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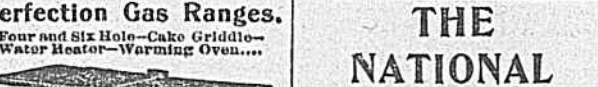
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